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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 740  
By Davis (Wash)

A RESOLUTION to designate April 2002 as "National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a social problem that affects nearly every community within our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 children in the United States suffer from some form of abuse or neglect each year; and

WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Sullivan County in Tennessee, along with over 900 other CASA programs nationwide, speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the juvenile courts; and

WHEREAS, CASA is sponsoring a national effort to encourage Tennesseans and citizens across the United States to join together to raise awareness throughout the month of April for those children who are victims of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, this effort will give abused and neglected children in our community, and around the country, a chance for a safe and positive future; and

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WHEREAS, in this same spirit, CASA of Sullivan County will be holding a candlelight ceremony on April 11, 2002 to honor the 482 neglected and abused children that CASA has represented in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly proudly join with CASA of Sullivan County and over 900 CASA programs nationwide as well as concerned citizens across this country to raise awareness of the intense problem of child abuse; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby designate the month of April 2002 as "National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage all citizens of our great State to join in this national effort to raise awareness and prevent child abuse and neglect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.